

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
Barbro MOBERG-ALEHAMMAR et al.)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 60/454,343)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: March 14, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 9073
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH)	
IMPROVED SURFACE MATERIAL)	
)	
)	
)	

FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of the International Search Report for counterpart application SE 0300694-7 is also enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.


To assist the Examiner, the document is / documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Date March 1, 2004

By:


Jennifer A. Topmiller, Ph.D.
Registration No. 50,435

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO & 1449B/PTO			Complete if Known		
FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)			Application Number	60/454,343	
			Filing Date	March 14, 2003	
			First Named Inventor	Barbro MOBERG-ALEHAMMAR et	
			Examiner Name	Unassigned	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	018798-224

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Issue/Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
	5,728,081		Samuel C. Baer et al.	03-17-1998
	5,968,855		Lee E. Perdelwitz, Jr.	10-19-1999

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Country	Date of Publication (MM-DD-YYYY)	Translation	
					Yes	No
	98/51250A1		WIPO	11-19-1998		
	0312118A2		Europe	04-19-1989		
	2339477A		United Kingdom	01-26-2000		

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
	MEILGAARD, M. ET AL., Sensory Evaluation Techniques, 2 nd Edition, pp.117-119, CRC Press Inc., Boca Raton (1991)
	MILLER, B. ET AL., "Liquid Porosimetry: New Methodology and Applications", Journal of Colloid and Interface Science 162, pp. 163-170, Academic Press (1994)

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.